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MARGARET BURGER "A"—S.C. White

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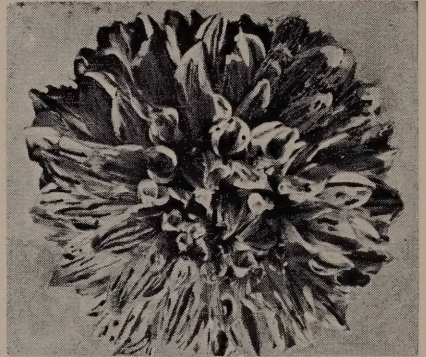
MARGARET BURGER—A—ST.C. (Tomczak-Parrella)—An unusual and very attractive dahlia. Color white bluish rose pink. Size of blooms 11 by 6 inches. It is a strong vigorous grower, early and late bloomer, always full centers. Foliage are the best. Plant very strong grower. Height of plant from 5 to 6 feet.

Roots \$15.00 Net Plants \$5.00 Net

Note: This dahlia was named for a very charming lady, famous for her wonderful gardens in Larchmont, N. Y. She is a real flower lover.

KI YO HIME A.—I.D. (Yoshida-Parrella)

This is a new importation from Japan. It is a very beautiful variegated dahlia. Size of blooms 10½ by 5 inches. Color Empire yellow splotched cherry red. Plant is a vigorous grower and free bloomer. The very best of foliage. It scored 85 point 5 at the N. Y. Botanical Garden Trial Ground. Height of plant 6 feet. The highest score dahlia at the A.D.S. Trial Ground.



Roots \$15.00 Net Plants \$5.00 Net

KI YO HIME

VIOLET SPLENDOR, A—I.D.—Orchid purple. Stanley Johnson's 1960 introduction won six Sweepstake Awards and five American Home Medals. Goes over 11 inches without much fussing. Has good substance.

Plants only \$5.00 Net

PRIME MINISTER, A. I.D.—Lavender, deep Persian rose, size 10" x 6¾", bush growth 5 ft., floriferousness good, originator Fa D. Bruidegom. Score: Mid-West 85.2; Southeron 85.0

Plant \$3.50 Net

JOAN DOWLING, (Baynes-Rocky River)—Misfortune at Trial Grounds should not deter buyers from considering this one. It is an extremely strong grower, producing big rugged blooms in the ten- to twelve-inch range. The formal blooms are a cherry red. Several experts consider it the best of our large ones for this season.

Plant \$5.00 Net

JOHN DALY, (Dahliadel)—A F.D., E. Blooms 12 x 6. Bush 4 ft. Most unusual and spectacular sport of the famous Arthur Godfrey dahlia. Real striking Cyclamen purple shading to phlox purple with strips and streaks on some of the petals of gold and orange buff. A sturdy grower with all the characteristics and form of Arthur Godfrey.

Plant \$5.00 Net

PRIDE OF WAYNE, A.—S.C. (Albanese-Ruschmohrr)—Bright Indian orange with lemon yellow at center. Size 12 by 6 inches; stems canelike, 8 to 12 inches hold bloom facing; bush 6 ft.; Won A. D. S. Sweepstakes, North Jersey.

Roots \$15.00 Net Plants \$5.00 Net

LILLY - B—BALL DAH-

LIA (Parrella)—This is an unusual Ball dahlia, rosy red color. Flower goes right to the back of the stem. Size 4 inches by 3 inches. Early and profused bloomer. This variety received a Seedling Award at the "American Dahlia Society Show" at Paramus, N. J. Height of plant 4 feet.

Roots \$5.00 Net

Plants \$2.00 Net



LILLY - B

THE BOROUGH OF THE BRONX has many fine features, such as: The Bronx Zoo with a great number of Animals, tamed and otherwise; an immense flock of birds, some are very beautiful!

The New York Botanical Garden, located in The Bronx with its magnificent trees, beautiful shrubs and an unusual collection of flowers of every size and color.

Freedom Land, one of the most up-to-date Amusement Parks and I believe when it is completed, it will be the largest in the world. This brings much joy to our community.

The Yankee Stadium, this brings a lot of joy to the Baseball fans.

Parrella Dahlia Gardens, with its thousands of blooms, in all sizes, colors and form. Size of blooms average from half inch to 12 to 14 inches in diameter. It is a beautiful sight from August 1st until frost.

Last but not least, an immense flock of charming young ladies, as the photo above shows. God Bless The Bronx and the folks that live there.

ALBERT PARRELLA

JAS-MAR JEWEL, (Jas-Mar) A. I.C.—Light blend rose and salmon, was grown 12 x 6 at the Pacific Coast Trial Ground where it received A. D. S. Certificate of Merit. Winner of two A. D. S. Seedling Sweepstakes Awards. Perfect centers, excellent stems and foliage. One that draws immediate attention.

Plants \$5.00 Net

"SUPER DAHLIA SEED"

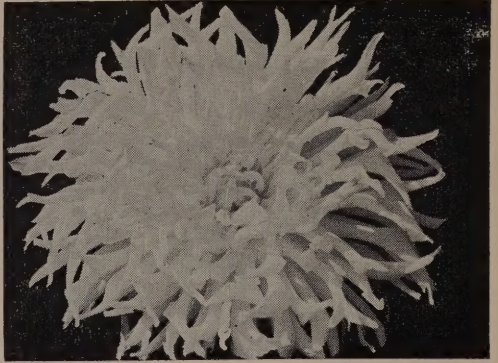
My seed is hand picked and selected from over 300 varieties of Honor Roll dahlias, in my gardens, and it is for this reason, and this reason only, that I can give the following GUARANTEE, and that among these you will get some that are as good, if not better than any outstanding variety you have in your garden, no matter what they are.

50 Seeds \$3.00 Net

(Trial packet \$1.00)

100 Seeds \$5.00 Net

MRS. LOUISE-N. A. I.C. (Fuschetti-Parrella)—This is a beautiful white dahlia with an exceptional fine form. The early blooms come close to the bush, but the later blooms are exceptionally fine with good long strong stems and good substance. Size of blooms 11 by 6 inches. This particular dahlia was very much admired in our display at the "American Dahlia Society Show" at Paramus, N. J. Bush height 4 feet. Robust grower. **WON FIRST AT IRVINGTON, N. J. 1960 AND FIRST AT JERSEY CITY, N. J. 1959.**



Roots \$15.00 Net Plants \$5.00 Net

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The above collections are our own selections, all named and labeled; not two alike; the best only, and extra good value.

LEAVE IT TO PARRELLA AND YOU GET A SWEET SURPRISE

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Copper Wired dahlia labels painted one side, \$1.00 per hundred, \$7.50 per thousand. These are the kind we use for ourselves, and are very satisfactory. Special Pencil: "Waterproof" will resist any kind of weather. 15c each.



RUTH MILLER

RUTH MILLER A. I.D. (Tomczak-Parrella) — Color fuchsia purple, slightly tipped white at the end of the petals. This is a very attractive dahlia. Blooms 11½ by 6 inches. This dahlia if forced can grow much larger. Plant is a vigorous grower with dark green foliage and free bloomer early and late. Height of plant 4 feet.

Roots \$15.00 Net Plants \$5.00 Net

If you like to have your garden looking beautiful during the summer and fall
you will have to give them some thought now.

SOME OF THE LATEST AUSTRALIAN VARIETIES

- CROYDON ACE, I.D.**—Large sulphur yellow with lustrous sheen. Originator says
"This is it." Root \$7.50 Plant \$3.00
- CROYDON ENSIGN, F.D.**—Red 11 x 6. Vigorous Grower. Good plant and stems.
Roots \$5.00 Plant \$2.00
- CROYDON FANCY, F.D.**—Beautiful peaches and cream color. Nice petal
formation, size 11 x 5, somewhat late in blooming. Originator says, "May
steal the show from all other Croydon varieties."
Roots \$7.50 Plants \$3.50
- CROYDONS MASTERPIECE F. D.**—This sensational dahlia is not only one
of the largest, but is perfect in every way. Grows 12" easily with great
depth. Color is salmon orange with coppery tan shades.
Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00
- CROYDON MONARCH Brand Australia F. D., I. D.**—The originator claims this
is the biggest dahlia ever blooms abundantly, size 14x7. Vigorous grower
with heavy leathery foliage of rich deep green. Color salmon red. Strong,
rigid stems. Hold blooms clear above foliage, height 5 feet.
Roots \$5.00 Plant \$2.00
- EILEEN LUCY**—A huge orange scarlet on fairly long good stems. Plants 4½' tall.
Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50
- HARRY KING Australia**—Deep reddish purple formal on good stems. Possibly
one of the best from Australia, size 8 x 5 Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50
- HELEN WEST, F. D. A.**—Pink Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.00
- KNIGHT WHITE, F.D.**—White, size 11 x 5½ Roots \$5.00 Plant \$2.00
- THE MASTER F. D. A.**—Huge sunset amber shaded bronze tall grower, good
stems, good show flower. Root \$2.50 Plant \$1.25
- POP VAUGHEN, F. D. A.**—Red Root \$3.50 Plant \$1.50
- RITA HART**—Mr. Brand says for size and color this is terrific. (Color is not
stated.) Root \$7.50 Plant \$3.00
- RUTH BRAND**—F.D. White. Reverse showing a pink halo. Attractive color,
size 10 x 5. Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.00
- SELENE I.D.**—Phlox Purple. Large beautiful formed dahlia.
Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50
- YELLOWIN Cactus**—Large blooms of rich yellow on good stems 8x5. Comes well
Recommended from Australia. Root \$2.50 Plant \$1.25



TESTIMONIALS

Dear Mr. Parrella:

Thank you for your letter of June 7th in answer to one I wrote you in regards to some
of the bulbs that were not coming up.

True to your prediction, some have broken through. The replacements came yesterday and
we hope what we are doing in way of payment will meet with your satisfaction. We are
enclosing a check for \$13.50 for the replacement.

H. A. G.

Paterson, N. J., May 25, 1960

Dear Mr. Parrella:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of my order of dahlia plants, which were received in very
good order under stated date.

Very truly yours,

John C. L.

Erie, Penna., April 22, 1960

Dear Mr. Parrella:

I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you I've always been well satisfied with the roots you
send me.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H.

GENERAL LIST OF STANDARD VARIETIES

LARGE FLOWERING TYPE

The varieties listed herein are positively the best stock that can be procured anywhere, at any price, as these tubers are not forced, or from over propagated stock, and are GUARANTEED to be true to name, healthy, and full of life, vim, and vitality.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS: F. D.—Formal Decorative; S. C.—Semi-Cactus; I. D.—Informal Decorative; St. C.—Straight Cactus.



ALABASTER (Tomczak-Parrella)

F. D.—A new white seedling of The Real Glory and a new beauty. Size 8 x 5. There is a creamy glow from center of the bloom that gives it a soft, rich, waxy look that is just beautiful. Although formal, petals are cupped enough to give bloom an artistic formation. Flowers are held facing up on perfect stems about 9 inches above a strong, vigorous, branching plant with rich, green foliage. Blooms have very good substance. Winner of Achievement Medal at Washington, D. C. show and Seedling Award at Long Island show 1952. Also First and Tri-Color at Long Island show 1951.

Root \$2.00

ALABASTER

ART LINKLETTER SC,—Yellow, size 12 x 6 and larger

Root \$3.50

Plant \$1.50

AMONIER CHANDELON (St. C.)—Rose. Very attractive

Root \$1.00

AMOS KIRBY A Large Inf.—Purple shading to pansy purple. A good grower and a good variety size 10" x 5".

Root \$2.00

ANDRIES WONDER I. D.—Yellow and pink, purple red tips curving inwards, different, large and profuse bloomer on good stems.

Root \$2.00

ARTHUR GODFREY (Dahliadel)—This is a flower of immense size. Color of orient red with buff shadings. Claimed to be about the largest formal ever grown—If you like them big—this is it.

Root \$2.00

Plant \$1.00

AUTUMN BLAZE I. D.—Oriental red, chrome yellow, very large.

Root \$2.00

AUTUMN GOLD (Mitzenius) (Ruschmohr) A.S.C.—Autumn gold. Size 10½" x 5". Blooms all facing, with good healthy foliage, on 6 ft. bushes. Was only entered in one Trial Ground due to limited stock, in Farmingdale, L. I., where it received a Certificate of Merit.

Root \$7.50

Plant \$2.50

ANNA PARRELLA (Roloff-Parrella) — Informal decorative. A dark red and white bi-color. Cardinal red with generous white tips. Size $7\frac{1}{2}$ x $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Stems 8 to 10 inches. Blooms held facing. Bush 4 ft. Quite a profuse bloomer, early and late. This lovely dahlia has been named in memory of Anna Parrella.

Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50



ANNA PARRELLA—B.-F.D. Bi-Color

BARBARA SHANN "A" I.D.—Huge orangy red, from New Zealand, on good stems.
Root \$2.50 Plant \$1.50

BERKY (Kovar-Ruschmohr)—Received certificate of merit at L. I. Trial Ground, also at East Lansing. This is an "A", I.C. of lemon yellow overcast mallow pink, except at center diameter of blooms $9\frac{1}{2}$ " to 11", depth $4\frac{1}{2}$ " to 6", stem 6" to 13" straight and strong. Height 6' to 8'.
Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.00

BETTY BLOSSOM (Rindfleisch-Ruschmohr)—Formal decorative, creamy white tinted Persian rose. Size 8 by 5 inches. Bush 5 feet. A vigorous and clean grower. Early and late bloomer. Strong stem holding bloom facing to 45° well above foliage. Winner of Flower Grower Leonard Barron Memorial Trophy and American Home Achievement Medal at New York.
Root \$2.00

BIG MO (Roberts-Ruschmohr)—Straight cactus Indian Lake and carmine red, almost black. Size 12 by 6 inches, could be grown larger. Stems 10 to 15 inches, hold blooms on side. Bush 5 feet. Won American Home Achievement award at Long Island and Southtown, Chicago shows.
Root \$4.00 Plant \$2.00

BLACK MONARCH I.D.—Large Black-Red. Long stems. Size $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6", bush 4 feet. Exhibition flower.
Root \$2.00

BLUE RIVER (Salem) F. D.—Color, deep lilac, or bluish mauve. Good size bloom on good stems. Height 4 feet.
Root \$1.00

BRIASO S-C—Red, white tips, attractive bi-color.
Root \$1.00

BRUCE COLLINS—"A" I.D. Blend of bronze and deep orange. Fine foliage and stem.
Root \$1.50

BURNBRAE MEMORIES F. D.—Very large yellow from Australia. A real good variety.
Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50

What Flower Can Beautify Your Home and Garden Like A Dahlia?

- BORAMS MOONLITE S. C.**—Golden Orange medium size, perfect stems a beauty in itself. Root \$2.50 Plant \$1.25
- BORAM'S SUNRISE (Boram-Parrella)**—F. D. Size 10" x 6½". This is a thickly petalled bloom held on strong 10" stems. Some blooms on top. Color primrose yellow shading deeper to center. A deep flower and a good exhibition variety. Bush about 4½ feet Root \$3.50 Plant \$1.50
- BORAMS WONDER (Boram)**—Huge, long petaled Tyrian purple S. C. early, prolific, vigorous, perfect stems. This is an American Home Achievement Medal winner. Root \$3.50 Plant \$1.50
- CAROLINE M. (Moore-Rocky River)** A quality informal of rare beauty. Blooms in the ten inch range. A blend of lavender, orchid, cream and lighter centers. Twisting petals are distinctly notched. Shown seven times in seedling competition, it won five AMERICAN HOME achievement Medals. Root \$3.50 Plant \$1.50
- CALDWELL'S SHOW WINDOW (Caldwell-Robens)** St. Cactus. A very nice shade of yellow. An "A" dahlia that will grow fully 13 inches. Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.00
- CECIL M. RUSCHMOHR S.C. (Minor)**—The color is a light blend of white and lavender, with a cream center. Size of bloom 11" x 6", with good substance. Very distinctive. Straight sturdy tems. Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.00
- CHEROKEE CHIEF (Ricks-Dahl), "A", I.D.-E.**—Bloom 10 x 6, Bush 4 ft. A stunning addition to our Cherokee family. Rose Bengal or spiraea red. Petals curl and twist showing a lighter reverse. Strong healthy grower. Scored 85 in East Lansing and Atlanta Trials. A sure winner. Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.00
- COLLECTORS ITEM, I.D.A.**—Yellow and scarlet Root \$2.00
- COLONIAL DAME, Inc.C.**—Deep lavender Root \$2.00
- COMMANDO, F.D.**—Phlox purple. Strong grower and good bloomer, Size 10" to 11". Root \$1.00
- CARNAVAL, Cac.**—Bright Red Root \$1.50
- CAROLINA KERNOCHAN, I.D.**—Lemon yellow and deep rose Root \$2.00
- COMMISSIONER MAX LEONARD, A. ID.**—Red and gold, large. Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.00
- DAN'L DEL ROI ALBERT F. D.**—Purple tipped white, very outstanding. Root .75
- D DAY F. D.**—A soft shade of pink. Size 7" x 4". This is an excellent cut flower on long straight stems. Root \$1.00
- DAVE PLATT F. D. to Ball (Fioretti-Parrella)**—Color white with pink flush at center. Vigorous grower, that gives lots of blooms, early and late flowers, of very good substance and are ideal for florists' use. Size 3" to 4". Root \$1.00
- DIXIE WINE DOT I. D.**—White with dots of rosy magenta. Root \$2.00
- DANNY (Marker-Frank-Dahl), A I.C., M.** Bloom 10 x 7, Bush 4½ ft. The most beautiful pink released in many years. Rhodamine pink with a long list of winnings. Scored 85.9 at East Lansing, 85.5 at Farmingdale and in the Pacific Northwest at Seattle, Wash., it was the most outstanding in the garden scoring 85.533. It is a good grower with deep full blooms of perfect form winning everywhere shown in 1959. Root \$7.50 Plant \$3.50

DORA McCANN — Parrella. Formal decorative. Color deep lavender, described as Persian Rose with lighter tone of same color blended. Size 8 x 4½ inches; stems cane-like, 10 to 12 inches; bush 4½ ft., spreading. Only has three competitors for the show table. Awarded Seedling Sweepstake at Long Island Show in 1956. This is a good garden variety as well as an exhibition flower. Was named for Dora McCann of "McCanns at Home" WOR Radio Program.

Root \$2.50
Plant \$1.25



DORA McCANN

DETROIT 250, A. I.C.—Large red cactus Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50

DR. J. BEYER (Zourek-Parrella) I. D.—Color of this variety is difficult to describe. Seems to be a blend of carrot red, straw yellow and apricot with deeper tones showing a reverse of petals. The 11"x6" blooms are well formed with high centers. The robust plants have dark green foliage and grow about 5 feet with stems strong as steel rods. Roots \$2.00

DUET F.D.—Bi-Color. Size 7½ x 3½ crimson with white tips. Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50

EALABOSTER, S.C.A.—Large Yellow Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50

EL DORADO (Gaylord-Dahl)—B.S.C., E. Bloom 8 x 4. Bush 5 ft. Most outstanding in the trial grounds and Mr. Gaylord's garden. A bi-color of lovely marigold orange deepened with lines of capsicum red, with long white tips. There is surely nothing like it. It has nice long straight stems and dark foliage. Certified in 4 trials, on Mr. Dudley's Honor Roll and Mr. Webb's Review. Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50

ELSIE B (Bracht-Ruschmohr)—Semi-cactus, pink described as camellia rose with a little white at its center. Size, 11 by 5½ inches, with 10- to 12-inch stems, which hold blooms facing or at slight up angle. Bush height 5 feet. Good habits of growth except late blooming.

Root \$3.50 Plant \$1.50

EMMA CAROLINE, F.D. to I.D.—White, large Root \$2.00

ESTHER BLANCHE (Baynes-Rocky River)—We consider this to be the best large white formal we have grown. Petals have very good substance. Blooms face side and 45 degree angle on rigid stems. Heavy, well proportioned, dark green foliage, Size 10½ x 5. Root \$7.50 Plant \$3.00

The more you do for the dahlia in the growing season, the more the dahlia will do for you in the blooming season.

- EDNA D, St.C.A.**—Cherry red, large and beautiful dahlia.
Root \$2.50 Plant \$1.25
- FLASH LIGHT, S.C.**—Medium yellow Root \$2.50
- FIGARO A-SC-Var.** Reputed to be a seedling of Satan, with many of the good characteristics of the parent, and none of the faults. The color is a golden-yellow, flecked and streaked red. The flowers are very large, and most striking in appearance. Stems and plant growth are excellent. Root \$2.00
- FIRST LADY (Comstock)**—A medium size formal decorative of Dresden yellow. Blooms $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches, with numerous petals which roll completely back to the stem, giving the bloom unusual depth. Early and prolific with great uniformity of quality. A Certificate of Merit variety which is also listed on all four Honor Rolls. Roots \$2.00
- 5 STAR GENERAL (Ramage-Ruschmohr) F. D.**—A huge bloom in a blend of pink shades and maize yellow. Vigorous plant with strong stems. Received two trial ground certificates and listed in 3 Honor Rolls. Root \$1.50
- FUJIYAMA (Endow-Parrella)**—I. D., Variegated—Base color Indian yellow. Lined, dotted and speckled with cardinal red. Some petals are half red lengthwise. Attractively colored blooms are held facing on good cane like stems. Good grower and good bloomer. Size $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4".
Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50
- FRESCO, $4\frac{1}{2}$ - 5 feet. A-exhibition cactus.** Purest pink that deepens to center. Perfect serrated A-Dahlia; wide and deep 10" blooms. An immense cushion of evenly fimbriated floret tips.
Root \$2.50 Plant \$1.25
- GAY F.D. (Wengert-Parrella)**—Lemon yellow. Size 7 x $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Stems 8 to 10 inches. Excellent keeping qualities. Profuse bloomer and can be grown to 8 to 10 canes to produce crop of blooms early and late. Won gold medal at New York Florists Club. Root \$1.00
- GIANT BEAUTY (Marlow-Lundgren Rock River)**—I. D. to F. D. Dark rose, Tinted buff, supposedly very large $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $7\frac{1}{2}$. Certified in California, Long Island, and Cincinnati Trial Grounds last season. Probably will win largest in show.
Roots, \$3.50; Plants, \$1.50
- GIANT OF BAARN (Holland)**—S. C. Crimson Red. Big Blooms on long strong stems. A splendid garden variety. Root \$1.50
- GOLD COIN (Pape-Rock 86A)**—Bloom $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5", bush $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Lovely light chrome yellow with a faint rose suffusion at center. Tightly rolled petals are decidedly incurved. Very good substance. Root \$2.00
- GLORIA F. D.**—Lavender. A very large and nicely formed Dahlia.
Root \$2.50 Plant \$1.25
- GRANDEZZA I. C.**—A beautiful Dahlia to have in your garden. Root \$1.50
- GYPSY GIRL (Parrella) F. D.**—Rosaline purple, flecked with dahlia purple. Bloom has good form and substance and held well up in good stems. Won Flower Grower Trophy and A.D.S. Silver Medal Certificate. Good commercial variety. Size $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". Profuse bloomer. Root \$1.00
- GLADYS REYNOLDS, Large Cactus, Brownish orange.**
Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50
- HAKUBA, I.D.A.**—Large white from Japan Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.00
- HOUSE OF ORANGE, F.D.**—Orange, medium size. Root \$2.00
- IVA JEAN, B.I.C.**—Bi-color of soft cyclamen purple and distinctly tipped white. A good 1958 introduction.
Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50

KOO RIN (Kohno-Parrella) "B", St.

Cac. Clear Primrose Yellow. Size

8 by 5½ inches. Stems 8 to 10 inches

hold blooms facing. Bush 4 ft. Won

A.D.S. Certificate at Farmingdale,

1958.

Root \$3.50; Plant \$1.50



KOO RIN — ST. CAC. YELLOW

JANE COWL (Downs) I. D.—A large bronzy buff and gold. Old but still good.
Root 50c

JANE LAUSCHE (Rocky River) S. C. Bi-color of rosy mauve tipped white.
Size about 11" x 6". A beautiful flower that wins at all shows.
Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

KELVIN I. D. — About the biggest and best dahlia to come from Australia.
Color about peach pink. Robust plants with large foliage.
Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00



BRIEF SUGGESTIONS TO THE AMATEUR ON HOW TO GROW BETTER DAHLIAS

1. Select easily grown varieties and those giving full satisfaction.
2. Prepare the selected planting spot well and place the supporting stake.
3. Dig a hole next to the stake, about 10 inches in diameter and 7 to 8 inches deep, and place one handful of bonemeal in the hole, or any other recommended fertilizer and mix thoroughly with the soil before planting.
4. Place roots in flat position with the sprout or "eye" facing upwards. Cover lightly with about 2 inches of soil. In doing this be careful not to damage the sprout. As the plant grows, fill around the stem with soil.
5. Do not plant too early. At times, too early planting spoils good roots. I would suggest planting from June 1st on, except in climates where a short growing season is prevalent. In that case use your own judgment.
6. Keep the soil well cultivated throughout the season, and prevent weeds from outgrowing the plant.
7. Water plants during hot weather at least once a week. Do not merely sprinkle them, but soak them. This must be done after sundown.
8. Tie the plant to the supportive stake with soft cord, at distance of 12 inches apart. This is done as an added security against destruction by wind and storm. Spray with any reliable parasiticide at least once every two weeks.
9. About August 1st, scatter a handful of bonemeal about 6 inches around the stem and rake it gently into the soil. Other fertilizers may be used if desired. Do not use excessive amounts of fertilizer as injury to the roots will result.
10. About August 15th, the same treatment as above is applied. Disbudding at this time aids in the formation of bigger and better flowers and longer stems. This should insure good results. If any other information is desirable, I will gladly forward you the same.
11. Spraying is advisable when necessary with any good recommended insecticide.

Green, Black and Blue Dahlias as yet Don't Exist. Any Other Color? Sure, You'll Find it in my List.

KEMP'S MEMORIAL (Kemp-Swoboda-

Parrella—Is an Informal Decorative with an exceptionally high center, a blended autumn gold color with soft bluish undertones. It grows normally 5 - 6 feet tall in well spreading bushes, holding the immense blooms in an ideal three-quarter-facing position on canelike stems high above the deep-green leathery foliage.



Root \$3.50 Plant \$1.50

KEMP'S MEMORIAL

KEN-UN, I.C.A.—Lemon yellow, large

Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.00

LEMON ICE, I.D.—Pink and yellow

Root \$2.00

LAURA REES—This "A" I. D., is a sport of the well known "Arthur Godfrey." Color is Purple with light purple shadings. Size 10 by 6 inches and larger. Won A.D.S. Certificate, East Lansing, 1959, score 85. In 1958 it scored 85.5 at Cincinnati and 85 at Atlanta Trial Gardens. It will win the "Largest in Show" without much effort. In Roy Webb's Review.

Root 5.00 Plant \$2.00

LADY OF THE SNOWS (Majczyk-Parrella) F.D. to I.D. White with a creamy tone of size 10" x 6". Back petals recurve to stem forming a full, deep, round flower. Plant with large, leathery foliage is a vigorous grower with strong stems.

Root \$4.00 Plant \$2.00

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LINDA MARSCHNER

NOTE—My grandchild Linda holding the huge bloom

LINDA MARSCHNER (Tomczak-Parrella)—Size 9" x 5". Spreading bush 4 feet tall. Ten to twelve inch stems hold blooms on side at 45° angle. Color white with creamy center. This variety is named for our granddaughter.

Root \$2.00

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LORETTA PIRONE (Parrella)

"B", S.C.—Autumn blend of Empire Yellow and Capsicum Red. Size 8 by 4 inches. Blooms facing. 8 to 10 inch, wiry stems. Keeping quality excellent. This variety has been named for the gracious wife of Dr. P. P. Pirone, noted plant pathologist of the N. Y. Botanical Gardens.

Roots, \$3.50; Plants \$1.50



LORETTA PIRONE

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| MARIE LAYNE (Parrella) F. D.—Bluish lavender with some magenta flecks. The 9" x 4½" blooms are held at a perfect angle on good stems. Bush is vigorous with dark green leathery foliage. This dahlia won seedling award at the New York Show and was named for the soprano artist Marie Layne. | Root \$3.00 | Plant \$1.50 |
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| MICHIGAN WHITE S. C.—This most free flowering white is ideal for cut flowers. Blooms of good substance on long stems. Won many certificates. Size 6" to 8". | | Root \$1.00 |
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| MISS UNIVERSE, S.C.A.—Burnt organge | Root \$4.00 | Plant \$2.00 |



My little grandchild Rhonda Parrella holding the huge bloom MARGARET DUROSS.

MARGARET DUROSS (Fuchs-Parrella)—I. D.—A large, auroelian yellow, flushed scarlet, almost orange. Size 11" x 5" or larger. Cane stems 12"-15" hold blooms facing. Bushes are vigorous with healthy foliage and grow about 6 feet. Good bloomer early and late **Root \$2.50 Plant \$1.25**

NOTE: Margaret Duross is named in honor of the garden editor of the N. Y. Journal American. It has been placed on 3 Honor Rolls.

MOROCCO F. D.—Deep Bronze. Large flower about 10".

Root \$2.00

MRS. GEO. LE BOUTILLIER I. D.—A large deep crimson.

Root 75c

MRS. HESTER PAPE (Pape-Rocky River) I. D.—A huge reddish purple that grows large easily. Bush growth is healthy and vigorous. Awarded plenty of prizes.

Root \$2.00

MAUREEN CONNELLY, F.D.—Yellow

Plant \$1.50

MIKE BENNETT, Inc.C.—Scarlet

Root \$2.00

Plant \$1.00

MRS. K. C. LI (Mrs. Lee Parrella)—

"A", I.D.—General effect peach. Saturn Red blushed Indian yellow. Has petals that turn and twist and many petaloids, giving a "full" petalage. Size 11½ by 6 inches, stems 10 to 12 inch cane like. This dahlia has been named for a charming lady famous for her gardens and exotic plants in her estate at Glen Cove, Long Island, N. Y.

Roots, \$5.00; Plants, \$2.00



Mrs. K. C. Li - "A", I.D. Peach

MRS. ALTON B. PARKER (Tomozak-Parrella) I.D.—Golden yellow flushed Dutch vermillion. Size 10½" x 5". The 9-12" cane like stems hold flowers facing. Foliage is dark green and vigorous, making a strong plant that grows about 4½ feet.

Root \$2.50 Plant \$1.25

NANCY C. SCHARAG I. D.—Rosy Lavender Large.

Root \$1.00

NED SEYMOUR (Pennypack Gardens)—I. D.—"A"—Size 14" x 9". Color red-orange. Named for the Horticultural Editor of the American Home magazine. A dahlia that will be a sensation in your garden.

Root \$4.00 Plant \$2.00

NEW LOOK (Guttler Ruschmohr)—Splendid large semi-cactus with blooms 10" to 12" on good long stems, held well up over a strong vigorous bush. Has won all kinds of prizes.

Root \$1.50

NIGHT EDITOR (Hulin Parrella)—Informal to semi-cactus. Color cyclamen purple blended to darker peony purple. Size of blooms 9 x 5½". Height of Plant 5 feet.

Root \$2.00

NOGATA (Nankanishi-Yosh-

ida-Parrella) "A", I.D.—

Japan, originators of

Uchuu. Two shades of

Rosaline Purple. Effect is

lavender. Very large, 12 by

7 inches. Good stems. cane

like. Blooms at 45 degrees.

Root \$7.50 Plant \$3.50



NOGATA

- NITA**, Breaks All Records (Hale Summit) "B," Cactus—The 22 American Home Medals literally poured in from coast to coast and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. More eloquent evidence could not be cited to prove the sterling qualities of this great dahlia. The color, which is cyclamen purple with variegations of orchid purple. Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50
- OGDEN REID** (Kelly-Parrella) I. D.—A massive dahlia that grows naturally, around 12". Color effect is bright rose with gold shadings. A dahlia of real merit. Root \$1.00
- OLD GLORY** (Piffman-Dahliadel) F. D.—A consistent bi-color of signal red evenly tipped white. The 7 to 8 by 4 blooms are produced freely early and late. A striking and pleasing bi-color. Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00
- OTILIE ZOUREK** (Zourek-Parrella) I. D.—This is a good white that received a certificate at Storrs back in '48. Size 9" to 10" by 5" to 6" deep. A strong bush with good vigorous growing habits. Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00
- OTTO'S THRILL** (Aumuller-Ruschmohr)—Formal decorative, bright rose pink with slight edge of yellow on petals. Size, 11 by 6 inches. Stems, 8 inches, hold blooms on side. Bush 5 to 6 feet. Root \$2.50 Plant \$1.25
- PREAS' PRIDE** (Preas-Ruschmohr) A—S.C. Bicolor, Purple, White Tips. A most beautiful bicolor. A sport of popular Jane Lausche. Instead of lavender as in Jane Lausche, this sport is a deep orchid purple with white tips. Size 10 to 11 inches by 7 to 8 inches. Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50
- POSTMASTER ALBERT GOLDMAN "A"** I. D. (Parrella)—Light primrose yellow. Very clean color and good form. Petals wave. Received a Silver Medal Certificate in Seedling Class, New York Show. Size 11 by 6 inches. Stems 10 to 12 inches. Holds flowers side or at 45 degrees. If you like a large dahlia, this is it. Named in honor of our New York Postmaster. Bush 5 feet. Root 2.50 Plant \$1.25
- PRIDE OF PARKERSBURG A-SC-Y** (Smith)—A deep primrose yellow, semi cactus. Good form and stems. Winner of Achievement Medals in Cleveland and East Liverpool in 1947. On FLOWER GROWER'S Honor Roll in 1949, the year before being introduced. A good one that many overlooked. Size 10" x 6". Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.25
- PRIDE OF HOLLAND St. C**—A Rose Pink attractive flower. Root \$1.50
- ROBINS SHOWBOAT I.D.**—Lavender. Size 11" x 5", good stem and foliage. Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50
- ROSEMARY J.** (Kovar-Ruschmohr)—Received certificate of merit at L. I. Mid-west and Southwestern Trial Grounds A.D.S. Sweepstake Awards at A.D.S. Shows in Newark, Long Island and Elmira. This is a "B", I.D. of Rhodamine Purple. Diameter 7" to 8", depth 5" to 5½", Stem 6½" to 10". Foliage good and rugged. Flower half facing to erect. Height 5' to 7'. Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.00
- ROYAL ROBE** (Oakleigh Gardens) (A-I.D.-Var.) Informal Decorative, Mal-low Rose splashed with Spectrum Red. Diameter 8x10½ inches. Depth 4x6 inches. Stems 8-12 inches, strong, thick, straight. Flowers facing to half facing. Health excellent, habit branching. Floriferousness good. SCORES: East Lansing—85. Root \$3.50 Plant \$1.50
- RIESEN WUNDER B.-S.C.**—Carmine purple and yellow. Root \$2.00
- RUBY GLOW** (Parrella) F. D.—In a purple color. Size 5½" x 3½". Good stems and good substance. Bronze medal at A.D.S. Show. Excellent garden plant and flower. Root \$1.00
- REES BEAUTY**—This is a "B" size, Dark Blend, French Rose on Mimosa Yellow, size 8½ by 4½ inches. Scored A.D.S. Certificates at East Lansing, score 85, and 85 also at Cincinnati, 1959. Won American Home Achievement Medal at St. Louis Show. Bush 4 ft. and a profuse bloomer. In Roy Webb's Review. Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.00

SON OF VOLUNTEER (Bowen-

Parrella)—I.D. to S.C. Face vel-

vety Cardinal Red, reverse

Magenta. Size 11x5½. 8 to 10"

stems hold flowers facing. Won

A.D.S. Certificate, Farmingdale,

1957. Height 5 feet.

Root \$4.00

Plant \$2.00



SON OF VOLUNTEER

SELMA K (Kraemer-Parrella)—A small, full petaled cactus. Color phlox purple with a white base. Formation and color are different and hard to describe.

Root \$2.00

SAINT LAMBERT S. C.—Ivory & Rose, very lovely, medium size Dahlia

Root \$1.50

SEKAI S.C.A. (Endow)—Large golden yellow from Japan; it is outstanding.

Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.00

SEI KI, "A," Semi-Cac. Said to be the largest dahlia ever seen in Japan. Size here in 1959 12" by 6" and up; Color, Dutch Vermillion, (bright, soft red); bush 5 ft.; blooms facing; stems long, strong. (Nakanishi-Yoshida-Parrella.)

Roots \$7.50 Plants \$3.50

STOP LIGHT S. C.—Scarlet red medium.

Root \$1.50

SO BIG A.—I.D.—Large lavender of fine form. A good exhibition variety.

Root \$2.00

SHOWBOAT (Burrell-Ballay)—Formal decorative, white. Size, 12 by 5 inches, another white giant. Stem, cane-like, 8 to 10 inches. Bush, 4 feet, spreading, with broad thick-leaved foliage. Blooms have excellent substance.

Root \$4.00 Plant \$2.00

SURPRISE (Baker-Rocky River)—The undefeated seedling champion of 1954. Eight Achievement Medals. Peach semi cactus. 11" x 5½".

Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50

TENSIN, Bi-C.—Large, Purple and white

Root \$3.50 Plant \$1.50

THE CARDINAL (Baker-Ruschmohr)—This cardinal red semi-cactus won the Derrill Hart Award and many other prizes. Tall rugged grower. Desirable and dependable.

Root \$2.00

TERRIFIC I.D. Bicolor, purple with white tips. An "A" dahlia from 9 to 11 inches. The best we have ever grown to come to a true bicolor. Winner of American Home Achievement Medal and A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstake.

Root \$3.50 Plant \$1.50



TUKI YORI NO SHISHA

TARTAN I. D.—An exceptional and distinct bi-color. Darkest mahogany petals are edged and tipped white. Bloom of medium size on a perfect stem. Plant height, 5 feet. **Root \$2.00**

THE VOLUNTEER (Whittaker-Ruschmohr) I. D. — The large peony purple blooms keep their color without fading in the sun. A vigorous grower with strong stems to support the 11" x 7" flowers. Certified at 3 trial grounds. Won 2 Achievement Medals and 2 A.D.S. Seedling Awards. **Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00**

TIARA BROWN I. D.—A bi-color in glistening orange, peach tipped white, the 10" x 6" blooms are carried on excellent stems. **Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00**

THE REAL GLORY, F.D.A.—Large white. **Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00**

UCHUU (Nakaniski-Yoshida-Parrella) F.D.

Rose Red. Size 12 x 7 or larger. Cane stems 10 to 12". blooms facing. Seedling of Mrs. Hester Pape. Height 6 feet. Won Certificate, A.D.S. Trial Garden, Farmingdale 1957.

UCHUU. The big Japanese Red of 1957.

Won all over as biggest in show. If you did not grow this 12 by 7 inches plus giant last year, better win with it in 1961.

Roots \$3.50

Plants \$1.50



UCHUU-A-FD

The dahlias of yesterday were beautiful, the dahlias of today are divine, but the dahlias of the future no one knows.

- VALERIE WATSON F. D.**—An Australian variety. Size 10 x 6, color yellow suffused rose. A dependable well formed variety. **Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00**
- VARIETY GIRL F. D. 8**—Orange gold with white tips. This variety is exceptionally good. Bloom is erect on perfect stem. **Root \$1.00**
- VIVIANNE COPPENS**—A pretty pink cactus on long stems. **Root \$1.00**
- VERA SEYFANG, F.D.A.**—Lay-rose, very large. **Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.00**
- VENITA (Cramer - Parrella) F. D.**—Light carmine rose with flushes of straw yellow and yellow center. Back petals close right back to stem forming a full petaled, deep flower with back of bloom almost as beautiful as the front. High perfect centers always. Profuse bloomer early and late. **Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00**
- VIN WELL PARAGON, F.D. to I.D.A.**—Light rose-pink. **Root \$1.50**
- WHITEHALL (Silverio Johnson)**—A large, white semi-cactus with 10" to 12" blooms. Won two Achievement Medals, Gold Medal Certificate and thirty First Prizes. A "must" in the whites. **Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00**
- WALLAH A. S. C.**—Ruby red. Tall grower. Blooms last well on the plant or when cut. Prolific bloomer. Size 9½ x 6. One real good one from Australia. **Root \$2.50 Plant \$1.25**
- YELLOW MASTERPIECE (Murphy - Parrella) F. D.**—Rich, soft, clear empire yellow. Petals roll back to stem forming a large flower 11" x 7" or larger, with excellent keeping qualities. The 8" - 10" stems hold flowers facing. Unusual strong, thick foliage for a yellow. **Plants Only \$2.00**

HOW TO GROW DAHLIA FROM SEED

There are many ways that dahlia seeds are started, and grown, on account of the different climatic conditions, and the length of the growing season, here in New York City, I have been getting wonderful results as follows: About April 1st, I select an open sunny location in my garden and spade this to a depth of about 8 inches and rake the soil until it is finely broken, and not lumpy, then with a hoe make trenches about 4 inches in depth and about 12 inches apart.

Then place a seed about every 2 inches apart in these trenches and cover with about one half inch of soil, water lightly and cover with about 2 or 3 inches of peat moss, as a protection against a slight frost or cold. About May 1st carefully remove the peat moss and in another week or two you will see the young dahlia plants breaking through the ground, add a little more soil to the trench and around the plants that are showing above ground, so that they will get better and stronger root formation. About June 1st many of these plants will be about 4 or 5 inches above the ground, showing two to three sets of leaves and the stems will be about the thickness of an ordinary match. They are then about the right size for transplanting.

In colder climates and where the growing season is not so long, is to start the seeds in boxes or flats about 20 inches long, 12 inches wide and 4 inches deep. Make 3 or 4 trenches about 2 inches deep and plant the seed about every 2 inches apart in these trenches and cover with about a half inch of soil. These seeds should be planted about 2 months before it is reasonably safe to transplant the young plants out into the open.

The box should be kept in a warm room and near a window that faces a sunny location. About 2 or 3 weeks later, they will be breaking out of the ground and when they are about 3 or 4 inches high, they should be removed from the box and transplanted into 3 inch flower pots, and on warm, sunny days, should be left out into the open to gradually harden, and when you believe that the time is right for their permanent transplanting as described above, then plant them as directed, and they will grow into strong, healthy plants, as good if not better than plants grown from tubers.

Of course if you have a greenhouse or a cold frame facilities, it will simplify matters by starting your seeds about March 15th and using the above last two paragraph principles.

ALBERT PARELLA.



WANDA MEADE

WANDA MEADE—A medium sized dahlia of scarlet red, evenly tipped white that has won scads of prizes. Blooms average from 5" to 7" with good depth. One of the prettiest dahlias in commerce.

Root \$1.25

BALL DAHLIAS

CLARA CLEMENS—Red, white tips.

Root \$1.00

CHARLOTTE CALDWELL—Orchid Coral

Root 50c

DANDY BALL—Lavender.

Root \$1.00

DOTTIE D—Large ball, purplish lavender

Plant \$1.50

ORANGE GLOW—Orange.

Root \$1.00

QUEEN OF SPADES—Ruby red.

Root \$4.00

Plant \$2.00

ROSY DAWN—Light bi-color, yellow with rose pink.

Root 75c

SUPT. AMHYRN—Clear rose pink.

Root 50c

MINIATURE DAHLIAS

ANN Z. M. F. D. (Boram-Parrella)—A lovely new miniature of Lemon Chrome, blushed Old Rose. Size of blooms average 2½ to 3 inches. Tight center. Flowers held on best of stems. A free and prolific bloomer and a grand miniature in every respect. Height 3 ft.

Root \$1.00

ANIMATO, C.—Shell pink.

Root \$1.00

ARABASKE, C.—Lemon yellow.

Root \$1.00

MINIATURE DAHLIAS - Continued



BUTTERSCOTCH (Fuschetti-Parrella)—Min. F. D. Bi-color. Edge and base of petals bright aurelien yellow, tipped white. Petals crinkly, foliage dark and in proportion to size of blooms. This is a bright, attractive little variety that has won several blue ribbons in the New Jersey shows. Also American Home Achievement medal at Branch Brook Park, Newark, New Jersey in 1953. The 3" x 1½" blooms are held up in good 4" to 6" stems.

Root \$2.00

Plant \$1.00

Butterscotch, Min. Morning Mist, Pom.

BABY FONTENEAU, F. D.—Pink.

Root \$1.00

BISHOP OF LLANDORF—Bright red.

Root \$1.00

BO-BO F. D.—Yellow flushed scarlet.

Root 75c

GERRIE HOEK (Min.) F. D.—This lovely rose produces an abundance of flowers. Excellent for cutting.

Root \$1.00

IDA S (Slocum-Parrella) Miniature—Color wine red. Size 2½" x 2". Inclined ball shaped with lacinated petals. Stems are good and hold flowers facing on top.

Root \$1.50

IKE S. C.—Deep Velvet.

Root 75c

JINNY JOHNSON—Dark lbend class.

Root \$2.00

JAPANESE BISHOP—Orange

Root \$1.00

LILLY BELL F. D.—Light pink. Blooms so profusely as to give loads of flower.

Root \$1.00

LITTLE PANDA (Slocum-Parrella-Min.)—F. D. Rosaline purple. Size 2¼" x 1¾" almost round. Stems 5" - 7" hold blooms at 45 degree angle and up. The 4 foot bush is covered with a mass of blooms. A wonderful garden little flower.

Root \$1.50

LITTLE LEMON DROP F. D.—Yellow.

Root 75c

LITTLE REESE strawberry red, small formal blooms oustanding for cut flower use

Root \$1.00

LITTLE SHIEK, S.C.—Red and White

Root \$1.00

PEGGY LINDLEY F. D.—Orange.

Root 75c

SHOW OFF F. D.—Creamy white, purple dots.

Root \$2.00

Some dahlias are wonderful, others are divine, if you want to grow the monarchs
just try some of mine.

MINIATURE DAHLIAS - Continued



LOUISE ANN

LOUISE ANN Slocum-Parrella—Semi-cactus, a blend of both Rhodamine and Fusine Pink, probably to be classed as a light blend. Size $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches as a miniature but can also be grown without much disbudding as a small medium size 5 x 3 inches. Very profuse bloomer all season. Won A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes in New York Show in 1955. Won Flower Grower Silver Trophy for best keeping medium variety in New York in 1956. This little jewel has been named after my granddaughter.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.25

SARAH W. (Ruschmohr)—The real blazing red St. Cac miniature we have all been waiting for. Blooms $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" on 6" to 12" stems that are wiry and excellent for arrangement purposes. A floriferous bloomer on 5' bushes. This was entered in 5 A.D.S. Trial Grounds and scored 85 and better in all

Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.00

TASOGARE Duplex Red—Japanese Bishop of Llandorf.

Root \$1.00

MINIATURE DAHLIAS - Continued

- WISP** — MFD (Siebrecht-Parrella) — A new small miniature of exceptional Merit. Bright lemon yellow flowers of 2-inch size are freely produced on vigorous bushes. Root \$1.00
- WINSOME** (Chappaqua-Parrella)—Min. F. D. Size 3½" x 2¼". Color blend of light yellow and bright red. General effect almost orange. Blooms profusely on good 8" stems. Keeps well when cut and a good florist's variety. Bush about 5 feet. Roots \$2.00
- WHITE FAWN** F. D.—Pure white, one of the best. 75c

EXHIBITION POMPON DAHLIAS - Roots Only

- ALBINO**—White. 75c
- AMBER QUEEN**—Light Bronze 50c
- BETTY ANN**—Exhibition. Soft clear pink. 50c
- CARDINAL**—Red 50c
- EDITH MULLER**—Peach Red. 50c
- GERTRUDE RED** 50c
- HONEY**—Yellow Edged Red 50c
- IROQUOIS LITTLE RED**—Red 75c
- JOE FETTE**—White 50c
- KOCHELSEE**—Scarlet red. \$1.00
- LITTLE EDITH**—Wonderful exhibition pompon of light yellow tipped bright carmine. 50c
- LITTLE PRINCE**—Yellow, A prize winner \$1.00
- MORNING MIST**—Delicate lavender. 50c
- ORCHID GEM**—Orchid \$1.00
- SHERRY**—Violet purple. 75c
- TINY TOT**—Dark red. 75c
- WILLO'S VIOLET**—Violet. \$1.00
- YELLOW GEM**—Yellow. 50c

SINGLE DAHLIAS - Roots Only

- A. M. BERLETT**—Red 75c
- GOLDEN CENTURY**—Gold 75c
- MARSHALL'S GLORY**—Red, white tipped. 75c
- ROY'S SINGLE**— rich crimson edged with white. \$1.00
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- THE DUCHESS**—Purple Yellow Center 75c
- WHITE CENTURY**—White 75c
- LA GIACONDA**—Red and yellow collarette \$1.00

SMALL SINGLE

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- SNEEZY**—White. 75c
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It is with pleasure that I present you with this, my Dahlia Catalogue for 1961. Your generous and kind support is thoroughly appreciated and inspires me to continued effort to make available to you only the best.

This catalog would not be complete if I were not to take advantage of the opportunity to thank you for your many letters telling of various successes obtained from stock purchased from me. I am grateful to those who have been able to visit my gardens as well as those who have inspected my exhibits at the American Dahlia Society Shows, and many other shows we attend and also our display at the New York Botanical Garden because I feel my dahlias speak best for themselves.

To those who are familiar with my stock, no introduction is necessary and you have my pledge that the same quality will not only continue but improve if such is possible. To those who have not tried my service this is an invitation, an invitation that may prove a real opportunity for you to realize something you may not have been able to obtain elsewhere and no order is too small nor is any contract too large, I am pleased to serve you.

ALBERT PARRELLA.

IMPORTANT NOTICE — DO NOT OVERLOOK

Due to the limited space we are compelled to be brief with our descriptions. However, we want our patrons to know that the varieties listed in this Catalog are either Honor Roll Certificate Winners or has proven with us to be truly outstanding.

VISITORS ARE WELCOME

You are cordially invited to bring along as many friends as you possibly can to my gardens at any time after August 15th and see this magnificent sight. You are under no obligation to buy, but welcomed and I will be as happy to see you as you will be to see this magnificent collection of gorgeous massive flowers in all of the colors, shades, and tints of the rainbow.

I will have over 300 varieties, most of them Honor Roll dahlias, as well as many promising seedlings, and many new ones sent by other growers for trial and that have not been released for sales as yet, as well as many novelties.

We want to thank those who have sent to us Seedlings for trial this past season. Assure you we have given them the best of attention. We would appreciate receiving more of them for the coming season providing they are good. We will do all we can to put them over.

A WORD ABOUT OUR DAHLIA PLANTS

We only offer plants of the most expensive varieties. You can secure plants at a much reasonable price. Our plants are made from base cuttings, and aren't over-propagated. We send out fine sturdy plants, well packed and GUARANTEED to reach you in perfect condition. If you take proper care of them you will not be disappointed.

DIRECTIONS FOR REACHING PARRELLA DAHLIA GARDENS

Customers can easily reach our place by taking the Seventh Ave. Express (marked Dyre Ave.) and get off at Baychester Ave. This is one station before the last stop. Our Gardens are only two blocks from Baychester Avenue. Inquire at Station, anyone will direct you to our Gardens. The fare is only 15 Cents.

BY AUTO: Follow the Boston Post Road to either ELY AVENUE or GRACE AVENUE. Grace Avenue is more convenient for your parking space, turn EAST here five hundred feet and you are at the center of our Gardens.

DAHLIA SHEARS KAMPHAUS SOLINGEN DAHLIA SHEARS



Double cutting dahlia shear for dividing and trimming dahlia clumps. It is specially made for me by a German cutlery manufacturer with over 130 years of experience in making fine horticultural cutting tools. My shear embodies all the desirable points I have found in all the different makes I have used over the past 30 years. Now at last I can offer a shear that is especially designed to get at the hard-to-reach parts of the clump and so permit the cutting of the greatest possible number of eye-bearing divisions with least amount of effort. And when this work is done, the shears can, of course, be used for all kinds of general pruning.

Length 8¾". Weight 12 oz.

The price is \$7.00 postpaid.

We also have a next best German Pruning Shears for \$5.25.

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MISS PATRICIA MURPHY

MISS PATRICIA MURPHY, Inf. Dec. A.—Persimmon orange, a combination of turkey red and maize yellow. Size $10\frac{1}{2}$ by $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches; strong stems, 6 to 8 inches; bush $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft.; stands hot weather better than most; really prolific bloomer; won American Home Achiev. at A.D.S. Show, 1959. Won two A.D.S. sweepstakes, 1959. (Tomczak-Parrella) Root \$7.50 Plant \$3.50

Note: This dahlia was named in honor of the lovely and world-famous Restaurateur whose Candelight Restaurants in Westchester County, N. Y. and Bahia Mar, Fort Lauderdale, Florida feature beautiful gardens and indoor plants at all seasons of the year.

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